

INVALID CREMATED WHEN HOME BURNS

Tragic End of Aged Albe-
marle Citizen.

FLAMES BLOCK WAY TO ROOM

Horace Smith Dies in Fire Which
Destroys Nephew's House on Top of
Piney Mountain—Dead Man Sur-
vived by Son and Daughter Re-
siding in the National Capital.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Charlottesville, Va., April 27.—The residence of Jerry Smith, an industrious farmer, which was situated on the top of Piney Mountain, one of the tallest peaks of the Ragged Mountains, was totally consumed by fire last night, and by the flames his invalid uncle, Horace Smith, was cremated.

Horace Smith lost his life despite the heroic efforts to rescue him from the burning structure. Early this morning the charred body of the veteran mountaineer was raked from the ashes by neighbors. The head, arms, and legs were missing.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon, within a few hundred yards of the scene of the fire, the body of the victim of the flames was laid to rest in the family burying ground, the service being conducted by Dr. Ormond Stone, professor of practical astronomy and director of the Leander McCormick Observatory at the University of Virginia.

The origin of the fire is not known. Jerry Smith and his brother Robert had retired early. At 11 o'clock they were awakened by noises, and barely had time to awaken the other members of the household. All escaped in their night clothing, except Horace Smith, who was very infirm and practically helpless. The intense heat, however, prevented access to the room he occupied, and the task to save him had to be abandoned.

The belief prevails that the building caught fire from a stove in the room occupied by Horace Smith. The old man was heard chucking the fire soon after the others had retired. It was his custom to remain up late at night, as he could not sleep well on account of ill health.

The deceased was born near the University of Virginia on December 18, 1825, the son of the late Dr. John Smith, who met his death some years ago while in the employ of the university. He married Miss Anne Morris, of Fluvanna County, Va., who preceded him to the grave about three years ago.

Five children survive—Charles Smith and Mrs. J. D. Lankford, of Washington; Mrs. John Day, of Charlottesville; Mrs. George Lumsden, of Merrill, Ohio, and Horace Smith, of Charlottesville.

PROGRESS IN WADE TRIAL

Jury Selected and Nearly All Evi-
dence Given in One Day.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., April 27.—The jury to try Ernest Wade the second time for the murder of his sister's sweetheart, Isaac Higginbotham, here January 22, was completed early at the morning session of the Corporation Court to-day, and before the court adjourned the Commonwealth completed its evidence and a number of witnesses for the defense were heard.

To-morrow the defense will complete its testimony at the morning session, when the State's rebuttal will then be commenced. This will be lengthy.

The State appears to have woven a strong chain of circumstantial evidence against the accused, this being even stronger than at the first trial, when a verdict of first degree murder was rendered. The defense has been along the line of rebuttal only, strong efforts being made to refute the evidence of witnesses who gave strong circumstantial evidence for the prosecution.

Numerous exceptions have been taken to the rulings of Judge Christian, and it appears that the defense is preparing for an appeal in case of an adverse verdict. The case may be given to the jury to-morrow evening.

Ivory Gavel for Judge Claggett.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Upper Marlboro, Md., April 27.—T. Van Claggett, who took the oath of office as associate justice of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Maryland Saturday last, succeeding Judge George C. Merrick, was presented by the bar associations of Prince George County with a handsome gavel of solid ivory with a gold band about the center and appropriately engraved.

Seminole Continue to Win.

The Seminoles defeated the Logan A. C. yesterday in a ten-inning game—13 to 12. The contest was loosely played throughout.

The Seminoles lined up as follows: McIntyre, C. F.; Kimball, ss.; Copenhaver, 1st b.; Treanor, 1. f.; Gault, r. f.; Darr, 2d b.; Smith, 3d b.; Powell, c.; Hallam, p.

All twelve-year-old teams wanted games address R. H. Hallam, 1770 U street northwest.

Drops Dead Seeking Re-election.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Bristol, Va., April 27.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Bristol Board of Trade, in which there was a movement on foot to defeat him for re-election as secretary and general manager, Col. J. B. Peters, fifty-eight years old, dropped dead. The meeting was called to elect officers. Heart failure is attributed as the cause of his death.

J. Gordon Payne Buried.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., April 27.—The funeral of J. Gordon Payne, prominent in local business affairs, who died suddenly early Sunday, took place from his residence in Cabell street to-day. The service was conducted by Rev. Oscar E. Sams, of Cabell Street Baptist Church.

Dies Suddenly from Indigestion.
Charlotte, Va., April 27.—John M. Brown, chief engineer of the Charlottesville Ice Company, died suddenly of acute indigestion, at his home on South Second street. He was forty-eight years old. He had been in ill health for the last six weeks, but kept at his work up to Saturday night. The end came last night.

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No matter your condition, eat any-
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Water. (Not a Purgative Water.)
Immediately Restores Good Digestion.
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FIGHT OVER GUN WAXES WARM

Admiral Wants Time Weapon Placed
in Residential Section.

Norfolk, Va., April 27.—Hostilities have broken out between Admiral E. D. Taussig, commandant of the Norfolk Navy Yard, who silenced the ancient and honorable 9 o'clock gun at the navy yard because it was too noisy, and a committee representing the Business Men's Association, who want the gun restored, but action so far has been confined to an exchange of words, heavily laden with sarcasm, on the part of the admiral. In reply to a communication from the committee, the admiral, among other things, directed his aid and son, Lieut. Taussig, to say:

"He wishes to say further that, although he is opposed to having the gun fired in the navy yard, if there is sufficient unanimity among the people of this vicinity in their desire to have a 9 o'clock gun, he will assist them in obtaining from the Navy Department the loan of a gun, which may be fired from a central point in the city. He suggests that Ghent bridge as an excellent location for such a gun."

Ghent bridge spans Smith Creek, and unites the residential sections of the city. The committee has broken off negotiations with the admiral and will now seek to open them up with the Secretary of the Navy.

NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

Southern Granted Right to Use Henry Street Tracks.

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE SCORED

Crowds Arriving on Every Train to
Take Part in the Home-coming
Week Festivities—George Bender
Sues the Washington, Alexandria
and Mount Vernon Railway.

Alexandria News Agency, 602 King street, Alex-
andria, Va., authorized agents and carriers for
The Washington Herald. The Herald will be de-
livered daily and Sunday to any address in Alex-
andria for 50 cents a month.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU.

Alexandria, Va., April 27.—After a protracted wrangle the city council to-night passed an ordinance granting the Southern Railway Company permission to the use of the Henry street tracks, which was in the nature of a consent decree authorizing the corporation attorney to drop the suit of the Washington-Southern Railway Company against the city council of Alexandria and the mayor. Councilmen Marshall and Spinks opposed it.

It was explained that there will be no change made with the exception of the fact that the Southern and not the Washington and Southern Railway Company has the right to the tracks and now owns same. Following the passage of this ordinance was passed granting the railway company permission to construct a switch at Henry and Cameron streets for the use of the Armour Company.

The carnival committee came in for a scoring for its failure to give the city bond in case of an accident during the progress of the festivities. It was the opinion of the councilmen that a bond should be given, some venturing the opinion that the shows now in progress could be ordered away because no bond had been issued.

Permission was granted the executive committee in charge of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as President to erect a reviewing stand from curb to curb at the east crossing of Washington and Princess streets.

The same committee asked that council declare April 21 a holiday. It was decided by the chair that council had no such authority, and that the mayor was the proper person in whom such authority was vested.

The claims committee reported adversely on a petition of Charles W. Petty for injuries sustained at a fire June 12, 1905, for \$300, and council adopted its report.

A bill of Mrs. F. L. Cornwell for \$2.65 for groceries furnished a small boy patient was referred to the finance committee.

Large crowds to-day came to this city to take part in the home-coming week ceremonies, and notwithstanding the rain this afternoon, a large crowd this evening paraded the court of honor and King street and amused themselves at the various diversions.

A feature was an exhibition drill given by Company G, First Virginia Regiment, in the court of honor. A meeting of the former students of St. John's old military academy was held to-night at the Washington Hotel. The arrangements were completed for a reunion to be held Thursday night at Odd Fellows' Hall, North Columbus street. The Lyceum Dramatic Club will give a minstrel performance at its hall to-morrow evening.

Through his attorney, Samuel G. Brent, George Bender to-day filed suit in the Corporation Court to recover damages in the sum of \$5,000 from the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Electric Railway Company for injuries alleged to have been sustained while driving across the company's tracks, Royal and Duke streets, on April 3. Bender was injured while driving a wagon for the Adams Express Company.

John W. Leatherland, sixty years old, died yesterday afternoon at the Alexandria Hospital, following a protracted illness. Besides his wife, Mrs. Annie E. Leatherland, two sons, Walter I. and Lawrence C. Leatherland, survive. Mr. Leatherland was born in Nottingham, England, and was at one time engaged in the wood and coal business, after which he conducted a foundry. His funeral will take place at 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon from his home, 312 South Patrick street.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pottery Electrical Signal Indicator held to-day, the following officers were chosen to serve for the ensuing year: F. M. Hill, president; J. M. Hill, secretary and treasurer, and George W. Petty, general manager.

Plans for the parade to be held Friday next are being rapidly completed by the committee in charge. This event will be a big day in this city, and it is expected that thousands of strangers will witness the big military pageant.

Site for Big Steel Plant.

Pittsburg, April 27.—The United States Steel Corporation has decided to begin at once the construction of its \$3,000,000 new steel wheel plant in the Pittsburg district, official announcement of which was made here some time since. It has been decided to build the new plant at Universal, Pa., a few miles out of Pittsburg.

While you think of it, telephone your Want Ad to The Washington Herald, and bill will be sent you at 1 cent a word.

GIVEN CHANCE TO BID FOR SETTLERS

South Can Have Agents at
Immigration Stations.

PRESENT CLAIMS TO ARRIVALS

Department of Commerce and Labor
Will Put in Operation Section of
Immigration Act, Which Gives
States Offices and Agents at Immi-
gration Ports—Helps South.

The Department of Commerce and Labor has decided upon a plan for furnishing arriving immigrants with definite and reliable information, which it believes will meet with the co-operation of Middle Western and Southern States in particular and help them get desirable settlers.

Assistant Secretary McHarg is preparing plans to make a section of the immigration act effective which has hitherto been a dead letter. This section provides that States or Territories may appoint agents to represent them at the immigrant stations of the United States for the purpose of presenting to immigrants, either orally or in writing, the special inducements offered by the State or Territory to aliens to settle therein.

Puts It Up to States.

Efforts have not been made in the past to put into force this provision, and little interest has been taken in it. Assistant Secretary McHarg believes, however, that if the Federal government makes it plain to the different States and Territories that the presence of State agents at large immigrant stations at New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and other places will not only be tolerated, but will be encouraged in every way, agents will be appointed and desirable immigrants can be distributed to their benefit, and that of the communities to which they are attracted.

There is a class of immigrants who arrive with sufficient capital to either make the initial payment or buy a small farm outright. These immigrants are naturally suspicious of offers made to them. However, when they find that offers for the sale of desirable land at a small figure is made by a government official, it is believed that this will inspire confidence.

Southern States Want Immigrants.

In the same way, the department hopes to distribute aliens who come with nothing but their ability to labor as an asset. Agents will know just what kind of labor is needed in their respective States, and will be in a position to offer inducements for desirable immigrants to settle there.

Several Southern States maintain immigration bureaus, but in the past have had reason to complain of the lack of co-operation accorded to them at some immigrant stations.

It is the purpose of the department to hereafter furnish quarters for offices and other facilities at immigrant stations for State agents, and to instruct the heads and other employees of these stations to co-operate in every way with these agents.

ESCORT FOR PRESIDENT TAFT

Governor's Staff Will Come to Wash-
ington for Him.

Will Act as Guard of Honor While
in Virginia at Petersburg
Celebration.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Petersburg, Va., April 27.—Gov. Swanson has accepted an invitation to attend the reception to President Taft here on May 19 and present the Chief Executive after making a brief address.

Gov. Swanson will send his staff to Washington to escort President Taft to Petersburg. The governor will be present at the al fresco luncheon on the lawn of "Center Hill Mansion," and act as toast-master of the occasion. One thousand invited guests, Confederate Veterans, the Pennsylvania visitors, and a number of prominent men from various parts of this and other States will attend the luncheon also.

Mrs. Taft and a party of thirty other women especially invited to assist Mrs. Charles Hall Davis in entertaining, will take luncheon in the dining hall of the mansion.

At the conclusion of the al fresco luncheon President Taft will be escorted from the table to the mansion, where he will hold an informal reception, the guests passing before him and bowing, but not stopping to shake hands. After passing the President the guests will assemble on the north lawn in the rear of the mansion and surround the knoll from which Mr. Taft will make his address.

Mrs. Taft and the ladies who lunch with her will occupy seats on the north veranda of the mansion, where they may witness the exercises and hear the addresses.

President Taft, Gov. Swanson, and Mayor William M. Jones will walk through a line of soldiers forming a guard of honor. Mayor Jones will present Gov. Swanson, who, after speaking briefly of the significance of the unveiling and the President's visit to Petersburg, will present Mr. Taft.

It is expected at least 20,000 persons from the North and South as well will be present to hear Mr. Taft's address. The committees in charge of the Presidential reception propose to employ 1,500 school children to form living flags and the word "Taft" on the lawn, and sing "The Star Spangled Banner" and other anthems during the exercises.

FLOUR PRICES FALLING.

Normal Conditions Predicted in the
Market by Millers.

Chicago, April 27.—Flour prices are going down rapidly, now the bottom appears to have been knocked out of the so-called "Patten wheat corner," and millers to-day predict that they would be back to close to normal before many days.

Several local millers announced to-day that they had cut the prices to \$2.60, which is 30 cents under the prevailing prices last Saturday, and 50 cents below the top price which prevailed when the wheat fluctuated around \$3.25.

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For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought

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Signature of *Dr. J. C. H. H. H. H.*

JUDGE EXONERATES SHERIFF.

Court Denies Cromwell Requested
Policeman's Reinstatement.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Norfolk, Va., April 27.—The arraignment of Police Officer Detrick, of Norfolk County, contained in an official report read in open court before Judge White, last Saturday, involving at the same time Sheriff Cromwell, of Norfolk County, was revived in court to-day, Judge White taking occasion to say that he had ordered expunged much of the report, especially that part of it referring to the sheriff.

The court decided that the sheriff had asked him to reinstate Policeman Stevenson, who had made charges against the sheriff, although Attorney Lawless' report stated that the judge had himself told him that that was the case, and it is further denied that the retraction of the charges was obtained under duress, which was the opinion of Lawless.

Carolinas, Maryland, and Virginia News

Political and Otherwise.

Roanoke, Va.—It has been reported for several weeks that the Clinch Coal Corporation, which has offices in the Watt Retwe & Clay Building, would move to Danie, in Russell County, Virginia. It was stated that the offices would be moved July 1.

Cumberland, Md.—The two-story frame house of George Harris, colored, of West-ernport, with all its contents, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning, and Harris was badly burned about the hands and face in saving his baby. A vessel of gasoline used by Harris in his garment-cleaning business exploded, setting fire to the house. With his clothing ablaze, he rushed upstairs, wrapped the baby in a blanket and dropped it out of the window into the arms of a fireman uninjured.

Parkersburg, W. Va.—Ada Spencer, five years old, was shot in the face at Rockland yesterday while playing with some other children. The shooting was done by Willie Smith, also quite young, who found a small loaded rifle in a building where they were playing. Three of the shots lodged in the Spencer child's tongue.

Norfolk, Va.—Fifteen minutes after confirmation rites had been administered to her on her deathbed by Bishop Van de Vyver, Margaret Catherine Farragut, twelve years old, died at 455 Washington street. She was to have been one of the large confirmation class which appeared before the bishop at St. Paul's Catholic Church on Sunday morning. She knew she was dying, but her only concern was for the confirmation. Bishop Van de Vyver, in his robes of office, went to the home, and at the bedside administered the rites. Just a few moments afterward Margaret, with a bright smile upon her lips, passed away.

Wheeling, W. Va.—Nellie Steele, a nine-year-old girl, will die as the result of having drunk a pint of yeast. The child did not know what it was, and drained a pint bucket.

Frederick, Md.—Dr. Ephraim H. Kline, a veterinarian, and lifelong resident of Frederick, died at his home, of paralysis, aged sixty-six years. He leaves a wife, two sons, Harry and Charles, and two daughters, Misses Margaret and Daisy Kline, all of Frederick; a brother, Frank Kline, of Dayton, Ohio, and three sisters.

Richmond, Va.—Thirty-five additional locomotives have been ordered by President George W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, all of them to be built by the Richmond branch of the American Locomotive Works. The order for fifteen locomotives was placed a month ago. Each of these fifty locomotives will cost \$15,000.

Norfolk, Va.—Ruffin Equart, well known to the Norfolk County constabulary, having served several terms in the Norfolk County jail for operating "blind tigers" in West Norfolk, was shot to death in a quarrel over 15 cents by Solomon Wright. The shooting occurred in West Norfolk, and Wright has thus far eluded arrest.

Leesburg, Va.—The general council of the Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia will meet in St. James' Episcopal Church in Leesburg in May. The council will at its meeting here elect a bishop-coadjutor to assist Bishop Gibson to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Rev. Berryman Green, of Alexandria, who was chosen at the meeting of the council at Warrenton last May.

MORE BODIES UNEARTHED.

Workmen at Princeton Come Upon
a Private Burying Ground.

Princeton, N. J., April 27.—Twenty-nine more bodies were discovered by workmen in Princeton to-day while excavating for the foundation of the new Russell Sage dormitory, which brings the total number up to thirty-two.

The result of to-day's work leaves the situation more mysterious than had been expected, for as yet there have been found absolutely no traces of identification. It is known that a private burying ground was located in this locality, but there are no records extant to shed any light upon the persons interred there.

SUED ON GAMBLING DEBT.

Husband of Ethel Barrymore Re-
fuses to Pay Check.

New York, April 27.—Russell G. Colt, the husband of Ethel Barrymore, and son of Col. Samuel P. Colt, filed his answer to a suit for \$1,000 and interest from February 8, 1904, to-day and set up in his defense that the suit is over a roulette game which he indulged in when he was twenty years of age and a sophomore at Yale.

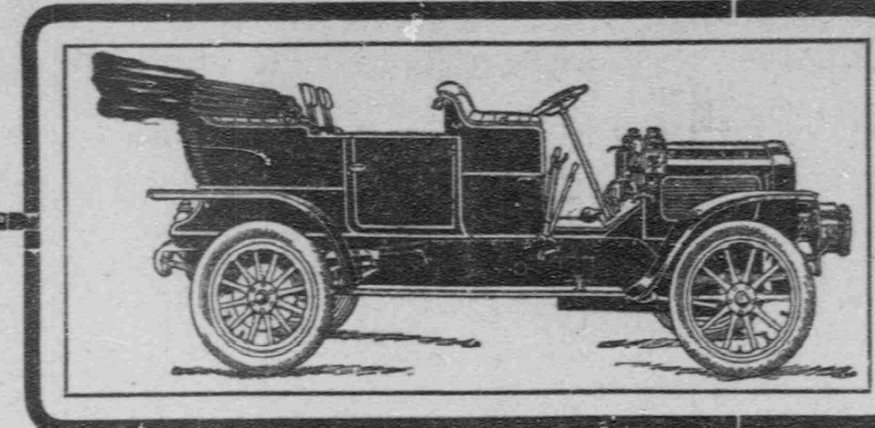
The suit has been brought by Adolph Abrahams, to whom the claim has been assigned by one W. U. S. Thompson. Abrahams asserts that Colt gave to Thompson a check for \$1,000 on the City Bank of New Haven on the date mentioned, and that when Thompson indorsed it and presented it for payment the same day the bank declined to cash it on the ground that there weren't sufficient funds to meet it. Abrahams said that Colt has since been informed of that fact and that he has steadfastly refused to settle the check.

Colt says in his answer that he was not only a minor at the time he drew the check, but that he was playing a game of chance, known as roulette, on credit with Thompson, and that Thompson told him he had lost \$1,000 and he accordingly drew his check for the amount.

Steel Prices Advance.

Pittsburg, April 27.—The Carnegie Steel Company to-day advanced the price on merchant sheet bars, steel plates, and structural shapes \$1 a ton above the ruling selling price of large orders. This is the first sign that a turn upward has taken place in the market.

Largest Morning Circulation.



First Grand Prize:

HOUSE AND LOT.

This house and lot is located in the best residence section of Washington, on Bryant street, two blocks north of W, and half a block west of North Capitol. This section is literally filled with homes such as we are giving away, the homes being owned by the dwellers themselves. The locality is dotted with churches and schools, and this particular home is within 300 feet of the second largest park in the District. It is one of Middaugh & Shannon's "Homes of a Hundred Ideas."

Second Grand Prize:

White Steamer.

We purchased this automobile from the Dewey Garage, and it cost us \$2,250. We shall give it to the contestant receiving the second largest number of votes in this contest. This is a prize well worth the winning, being the very best machine obtainable at any price. Its advantages are innumerable, its excellence beyond dispute. You will find a world of pleasure in the possession of this car, which is easily yours if you want it. It is only a question of securing subscriptions to The Washington Herald.

STRAIGHT TALK

THE WASHINGTON HERALD has been talking pretty straight to you about this contest, and while some of you have become interested, others seem not to recognize this as the opportunity of a lifetime to secure "something for nothing," so to speak. Be assured that we expect to profit more or less by this contest, and the beauty of it is that we have so arranged it that you, too, may profit. And why not? Is it not better so? We are glad to be able to do this, as it will not only increase the circulation of The Washington Herald, but will work to the benefit of all parties concerned. But we do advise those who expect to be among the winners at the close to be a little more lively about getting the subscriptions which are necessary to securing votes, which are in turn necessary to the winning of these prizes. We do not want you to be disappointed when the final vote is counted, and for that reason we are continually advising you to do your very best. Only a few more days now, until the First Voting Period will close. Between now and that time is the time to put in your hardest work. Don't let one single friend escape. Approach them all with your story. Don't keep one refusal discourage you. Go immediately to the next friend. Keep after them. You will never have cause to regret your work. And besides, you'll have something to remember The Washington Herald by. That is just what we are after.

CONTEST CLOSES JULY 3

Third Grand Prize:

Columbia Electric.

This little car is the very height of perfection and elegance, and is particularly adapted to the use of professional men. It is also the safest car for both ladies and children. It will go to the contestant receiving the third largest number of votes in this contest. We paid the Dupont Garage \$1,600 for it, and we can assure you that it is worth every cent of the amount paid. For lightness, durability, and smooth running this car is in a class by itself. It is yours if you want it.

Fourth Grand Prize:

A Building Lot.

This lot (which is practically "two" lots, Nos. 21 and 22) is located in beautiful Chevy Chase, on Morrison street east, just off Connecticut avenue. It has an actual value of \$2,359.50, but as we paid Thos. J. Fisher & Co. the sum of \$2,145 for it, we are advertising it as a \$2,145 lot. The explanation of this lies in the fact that the property, since the purchase by us, has advanced 10 per cent in value, which only goes to show what The Washington Herald is trying to do for itself and its readers.

